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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
7 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
8 AT SEATTLE

9 MAPLE LEAF HOUSING
10 INVESTMENTS, LLC,

11 Plaintiff,

12 v.

13 TEXACO DOWNSTREAM
14 PROPERTIES, INC.,

15 Defendant

Case No. C18-1710RSL

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

16 This matter comes before the Court *sua sponte*. On November 28, 2018, defendant
17 removed the above-captioned matter to federal court alleging that the Court has
18 jurisdiction based on the diversity of citizenship of the parties. See 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a)
19 (establishing that the federal court’s basic diversity jurisdiction extends to “all civil
20 actions where the matter in controversy exceeds . . . \$75,000 . . . and is between . . .
21 citizens of different States.”). “For a case to qualify for federal jurisdiction under 28
22 U.S.C. § 1332(a), there must be complete diversity of citizenship between the parties
23 opposed in interest.” Kuntz v. Lamar Corp., 385 F.3d 1177, 1181 (9th Cir. 2004)
24 (internal citation omitted). In examining whether complete diversity is present, the
25 citizenship of a limited liability company is determined by examining the citizenship of

1 the owners/members. See Johnson v. Columbia Props. Anchorage, LP, 437 F.3d 894, 899
2 (9th Cir. 2006) (holding that “like a partnership, an LLC is a citizen of every state of
3 which its owners/members are citizens”).

4 Defendant states that Maple Leaf Housing Investments, LLC, is a Washington
5 limited liability company, but fails to provide the citizenship of each its owners/members.
6 Therefore, defendant has failed to meet its burden to establish the basis of the Court’s
7 jurisdiction. See Indus. Tectonics, Inc. v. Aero Alloy, 912 F.2d 1090, 1092 (9th Cir.
8 1990) (“The party asserting jurisdiction has the burden of proving all jurisdictional
9 facts”); Fed R. Civ. P. 12(h)(3) (“If the Court determines at any time that it lacks subject-
10 matter jurisdiction, the court must dismiss the action”). As a result, defendant is
11 ORDERED TO SHOW CAUSE by December 21, 2018, why the Court should not
12 remand this action to state court by providing the Court with the citizenship of all of the
13 owners/members of Maple Leaf Housing Investments, LLC, at the time the complaint
14 was filed.

15 The Clerk of the Court is directed to place this order to show cause on the Court’s
16 calendar for December 21, 2018.

17 Dated this 4th day of December, 2018.
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21 Robert S. Lasnik
22 United States District Judge
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